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SUBJECT: Talking Points for Morris Busby to Use with SecState

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-- Development of a specific Europe-oriented campaign to seek private donations to assist resistance amputees.

-- Development of excellent working relationships among the resistance international public information/ [REDACTED]

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-- A successful drop of 150,000 anti-Sandinista leaflets was made into the northern city of Matagalpa, Nicaragua on 19 July.

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-- Reporting on the fighting in San Jose de Bocay continues to be fragmentary, and the Sandinistas have seized the public relations initiative in the action.

-- The regime managed to take a group of reporters to the town and have played up human rights aspects of the attack, citing the death of a pregnant woman and three children.

-- We cannot confirm or deny the claims of human rights abuses or military damage.

-- The reporters indicated they saw no real military damage to the town when they visited.

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-- On 22 July, a Resistance Hughes-500D helicopter was shot down inside Honduras near the Yamales base camp. The crew and passengers survived.

-- The initial [redacted] report from the pilot indicates he believes an SA-7 downed his aircraft. ?

-- The Sandinistas recovered portions of an airdrop made to resistance forces on 19 July.

-- Among the items captured [redacted]

-- Sandinista military units in the 1st Military Region evidently have sustained high casualties in recent combat. [redacted] the 1st Brigade sustained between 100 and 130 KIA during an unspecified period, probably the month of June.

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